Closure of public enterprises in Kerala

1278. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration regarding closure of any public enterprises in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, one public sector enterprise i.e. Cochin Shipyard Limited falls under the definition of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act 1985 and is referable to BIFR for drawing up suitable rehabilitation/ revival schemes.

Rehabilitation of Scooters India Limited, Lucknow

1279. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for rehabilitation of Scooters India Limited, Lucknow ; and

(b) if so, by when this unit is expected to be out of sickness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 Scooters India Ltd. has been advised to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

Paper Industries

1280. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of paper industries in the country, their installed capacity and production achieved during the last one year and proposed for the current year i.e. for 1992-93;

(b) the number of companies failed to achieve the targets alongwith the reasons thereof and action taken for such default; and

(c) what is Government's policy on growth of the paper industry, and the steps proposed to be taken to enable the industry to overcome the present constraints ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) As on 1-1-1991, there were 327 paper mills in the country with an annual installed capacity of 32.84 lakh tonnes. The production of paper and paper-board was 19.56 lakh tonnes during the year 1991. Production for the year 1992 is estimated to be 20.5 lakh tonnes.

(b) Government do not fix any targets of production for individual papet mills.

(c) Undertaking measures for the sustained growth of paper industry is a continuous process. Government encourages the use of bagasse for manufacture of paper and have exempted units, based on use of minimum 75% pulp from bagasse, agricultural residue and other non-conventional raw materials, from industrial licensing, The manufacture of writing, printing and kraft paper from minimum 75% pulp derived from bagasse is fully exemp-